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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to the
Stephen P. Teale Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 43, as introduced, Leslie. Stephen P. Teale Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 26 between the communities of Mokelumne Hill and West Point in Calaveras County the Stephen P. Teale Highway.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Stephen P. Teale was born on June 16,
2 1916, in San Francisco and moved to the community of
3 West Point in Calaveras County in 1945, where he lived
4 until his death in 1997; and

5 WHEREAS, Stephen P. Teale elected to become a
6 physician and surgeon in 1932, graduating from the
7 California College of Osteopathic Physicians and

1 Surgeons in 1943, and he served two years of internship
2 and residency at Los Angeles County General Hospital;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, A few years after “Doc” Teale settled in
5 the foothills, he established his medical practice in
6 Calaveras County and quickly became a legendary
7 figure, having won the respect and loyalty of the citizens
8 of Calaveras County and the Mother Lode Country; and

9 WHEREAS, The people of Calaveras County elected
10 him to the county board of supervisors in 1948, where he
11 served for five years, having been re-elected in 1952; and

12 WHEREAS, In a special election in 1953, “Doc” Teale
13 was overwhelmingly elected to the state Senate
14 representing Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne
15 Counties, and, until his retirement in 1972, served there
16 with distinction, being recognized as one of the
17 Legislature’s most influential and effective members; and

18 WHEREAS, “Doc” Teale was also remarkable for his
19 continued interest in technology and, in recognition of his
20 efforts to establish computer technology in the
21 Legislature, the Senate named the state’s computer
22 center the “Stephen P. Teale Data Center”; and

23 WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Senator
24 Stephen P. “Doc” Teale for the long years of lasting
25 public service rendered by him to the citizens of
26 California, particularly to the people of Calaveras
27 County, that the portion of State Highway Route 26
28 between the communities of Mokelumne Hill and West
29 Point be designated in his memory as the Stephen P.
30 Teale Highway; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*
32 *Assembly thereof concurring,* That the portion of State
33 Highway Route 26 between the communities of
34 Mokelumne Hill and West Point in Calaveras County is
35 hereby officially designated the Stephen P. Teale
36 Highway; and be it further

37 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is
38 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
39 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
40 for the state highway system, showing the special



1 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
2 sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and
3 markers; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a
5 copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

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